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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please amend the above application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

## Please amend claim 4 to read as follows:

4. (amended) A non-aqueous electrochemical apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the surface tension  $\gamma 1$  of electrolyte is 10-45 dynes/cm.

## Please add the following new claims:

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--23. A non-aqueous electrochemical apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the surface tension  $\gamma 1$  of electrolyte is 10-45 dynes/cm.